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APPLICANTS: Orbanes et al.

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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ORGANIZING HIERARCHICAL PLATES IN VIRTUAL SPACE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir/Madam:

Please make the following changes before examining the patent application identified above.

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, lines 5- 10, please change the paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" to read as follows:

*B1*  
This application claims priority to U.S. provisional applications Serial No. 60/182,326, filed February 14, 2000, Serial No. 60/182,368, filed February 14, 2000, Serial No. 60/240,287, filed October 13, 2000 and Serial No. 60/249,417, filed November 16, 2000. These co-pending applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. The Amendment adds the serial number of the fourth provisional application, which had been previously referenced by